

Russian Style

It's Women's Liberation Day



Equality of the sexes in the Soviet Union while theoretically granting women economic independence also means manual labor for females. Sometimes the Soviet Constitution is ignored and

"liberated" women wind up bending their backs to heavy construction tasks. Here, heavily clothed women mix concrete on Moscow construction site. (AP Wirephoto)

Women Lib Day A Joke To Editors?

Rep. Griffiths Charges It Is

DETROIT (AP) — Rep. Martha Griffiths—one of 11 women members of Congress—said Tuesday the nation's newspaper editors are not taking Women's Liberation Day seriously.

"The editors of the papers are treating this thing as a joke," Rep. Griffiths, D-Mich., said. "They're laughing."

"And if it's not an absolutely fabulous success, then they will say that women don't want rights. They're happy where they are."

SAME STORY
"This stuff was said about



REP. MARTHA GRIFFITHS

Negroes for years."

Mrs. Griffiths, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1954, had no special plans for Wednesday's Liberation Day observances. She had promised several months ago to speak in Houston on an unrelated subject.

Rep. Griffiths has been the prime backer of a constitutional amendment to guarantee women equal rights.

Mrs. Griffiths said she approves of the efforts to gain recognition for women's rights, but cautioned that only time will tell if strikes and other actions will be effective.

"I think the real truth is that whether people march in parades or carry banners, or what...there is a very real and growing concern for the rights of women. Through the discrimination of women you are discriminating against whole families."

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Ladies Free But . . .

Soviet Women's Lib Forgot Something

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Special Correspondent

Hey girls! While you're out liberating yourselves all over the place today, you might do well to reflect on your Soviet sisters. They got liberated.

There was a big fuss about this great step forward. Trouble was, though, that the Soviet ladies neglected to mind the store. While they were given, on paper, everything their Western sisters are campaigning for, in reality they wound up with little of anything. The canny Russian men still run almost everything, and many of the ladies don't even have the fun of acting like ladies.

ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

Karl Marx, the granddaddy of communism, said "the foundation of female emancipation—the liberation of the woman as an individual—is her economic independence." Marx's faithful sidekick, Friedrich Engels, professed to discover that inequality of the sexes was the result of "economic oppression of women."

Since Marx and Engels wrote the bible for the Bolsheviks, it was only to be expected that Marxist precepts would be tak-

en into account with regard to women, and women would never have it so good.

"Soviet power," said its founder, Vladimir Lenin, "is the first and only one in the world to destroy entirely all the old, iniquitous bourgeois laws which have placed women in an unequal position as compared with men."

Well, said the Communists, that being the case, women would have to be liberated from dependence upon men economically. Out of this the women got

Asks Lottery For Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — A lottery with proceeds used to help Detroit programs such as street cleaning, tree-trimming, and stump removal has been proposed by a Detroit councilman. Councilman David Eberhard told fellow councilmen that such a lottery could help ease Detroit's financial problems. Lottery tickets would sell for 50 cents or \$1, he said.

the right to work. They didn't get much else.

What's the situation today, a half century later? Well, it says in article 122 of the Soviet Constitution that women have complete equality with men in all economic, social and political spheres.

The labor law, revised as of 1970, lays down in articles 68 through 73 just how women are to be protected against heavy labor or harsh conditions.

LAW IGNORED

Fact of the matter is that the men simply ignore the constitution and the labor law when it suits them. Any visitor to any city or farm in the Soviet Union can see Soviet women at heavy labor. Indeed, they are the principal source of farm labor, while men hold down practically all the bureaucratic desk jobs. There is only a tiny percentage of collective farm chairmen who are ladies.

In the cities, women do much of the menial work and look it. Women, about half the labor force, leave their young in state-run nurseries while they work as truck drivers, street car motormen, crane or other operators. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

LETTUCE ROTS IN THE SUN AS CHAVEZ STRIKES

California 'Salad Bowl' Hard Hit

Store Prices On Produce Are Soaring

SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — Lettuce spoiled in the fields and supermarket produce prices climbed today in the third day of a strike by thousands of laborers in the Salinas and Santa Maria valleys, the nation's salad bowl.

Lettuce, normally requiring daily harvesting, will have to be plowed under if the strike continues another few days, a growers' spokesman said.

Wholesale lettuce prices at the Golden Gate Produce Terminal in San Francisco have nearly doubled—to \$5.56 for a carton of 18-24 head.

PROLONGED FIGHT

With no negotiations in prospect, both sides are gearing for a prolonged fight. The issue is a demand by the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee that it be given contracts for the stony laborers who harvest crops in the valleys.

An estimated 10,000 workers are involved, but the long-range stake, the growers say, is some 55,000 California farm workers employed by more than 200 growers.

A minority of the field hands recently were covered by Teamster union contracts with growers, and the UFWOC wants to represent these workers.

The Teamsters and UFWOC contracts differ little, both offering an average pay of \$1.80 an hour, plus piece rate incentives and other benefits.

Cesar Chavez, UFWOC chief, says the pay now is \$1.25 to \$1.45 an hour, not counting piece rate incentives, but a growers association claims it is \$1.75.

Pickets carrying the red and black Huelga—strike—banners of the UFWOC ignored court restraining orders Tuesday. The union said they appeared at about 100 ranches and that three-fourths of the field workers stayed out of the fields, where harvesting is in a peak season that will last two more months.

SHIPMENTS DECLINE

More than 200 freight cars of perishable produce—lettuce, strawberries, artichokes, broccoli, celery and cauliflower—normally are shipped from the Salinas Valley daily. Sixty-eight cars left Tuesday.

The Monterey County sheriff's office reported 31 arrests among the pickets Tuesday, and the UFWOC said at a news conference that three of its leaders were beaten on a private ranch road.

The strike began Monday, less than a month after Chavez announced a victory in his union's five-year struggle to win representation rights for employees of California's table grape growers.

Campus Q — Now Open 5 p.m. — 1 a.m. (Adv.)

ENROLL NOW — For fall term, Piano and organ lessons for children and adults. Group classes. Ed Cullinan Music Studio. 925-8295. (Adv.)



ATTORNEY INJURED: Jerry Cohen, attorney for United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, tells Monterey County, Calif. Sheriff's Capt. Walter Scott he was hit on head and knocked unconscious during scuffle at farm near Salinas, Cal., where field workers were picketing. Two other members of farm workers organization were slightly injured. (AP Wirephoto)

'For Equality' Strike Coincides With Anniversary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the streets, at work and on the homefront, women liberationists today are demanding equal rights with a nationwide "Strike for Equality," timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of adoption of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote.

The National Women's Strike

Coalition, sponsor of the demonstration, has urged women to stay away from work if possible, stop performing menial household chores, boycott certain allegedly degrading products and take children to husbands' offices to demonstrate the need for child-care centers.

Rallies were scheduled in most major cities, including New York, Washington, San Francisco, Detroit and Boston. Some local feminist groups have urged members to dump bras and cosmetics in trash cans, symbolizing opposition to women being forced to look sexy.

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Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at the shoreline today is 72 degrees.

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It's Just Like Any Other Day For Women Here

By SANDRA ENGLE
Staff Writer

(Who also didn't strike) Sally walked into a big business office here today and took her seat at a typewriter in the public affairs office. "Happy Women's Liberation Day," teased her boss. "Thanks," said Sally, crank-

ing a sheet of paper into her typewriter.

Either their bosses teased them about it or ignored the fact entirely and the nationwide call for all women to "strike for equality" didn't have much of an impact in the Twin Cities area.

Some mothers may be stash-

ing the dishes and diapers for dad to wash when he comes home tonight. But in office and factory, store and street, there was little evidence that the females of the community were withholding either their charms or their labors from allegedly oppressive males.

The National Women's Strike

Coalition is sponsor of today's strike and its backers are urging women to stay away from work; stop performing menial household chores; boycott certain allegedly degrading products; dump bras and cosmetics and take their children to their husbands' office to demonstrate the need for child care centers.

A random check with various Twin City employers revealed secretaries were still answering telephones, beauty operators were styling hair and telephone operators were still placing calls.

All women were reported on the job at Berrien county court-

house, Benton Harbor and St. Joseph city halls, Auto Specialties, Whirlpool, Bell Telephone Co. and Goldblatt's department store.

An official at Goldblatt's said there were no reports of women not buying bras or cosmetics at their counters as urged

by the bigger city feminists.

At Richard Gillespie's drug store in St. Joseph, he said he didn't think the call for a boycott of cosmetics would hurt his store's sales but, "It might bring sales up because the strike is bringing more attention to the items."

BH SCHOOLS TO START YEAR ON SCHEDULE



FIRST VALOR AWARDS: Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell presents "Valor" award bars to Det. Frederick Reeves (center) and Deputy David Tiefenbach.

bach "for bravery under fire." It was the first presentation of the award by the Berrien county sheriff's department. (Staff photo)

For Bravery Under Fire

Two Berrien Deputies First To Get Sheriff's Valor Award

Two Berrien sheriff's officers, Det. Frederick Reeves and Patrolman David Tiefenbach today received the county's new "valor" award from Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell for bravery under fire.

CLASSES TOMORROW

LMC Schedules Hours For Late Registration

Late registration for Lake Michigan College students will be conducted in the admission office on LMC's new Napier avenue campus today, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to Thomas P. McCourt, LMC director of admissions.

In addition, late registration for LMC students will be continued in the admissions office Monday through Wednesday of next week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration of LMC classes being held at Niles, Covert and New Buffalo high schools will be held during the first class hour at each high school, according to McCourt.

Classes at LMC start tomorrow and although no exact figure on enrollment will be available until after late registration, McCourt said he felt enrollment seems to be running "about the same or a little higher than last year."

PARENTS INVITED

School Procedures Topic Of Bard Meeting

Parents of children in the Bard area of the Benton Harbor district are invited to a meeting on school procedures Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Bard learning center.

James Ray, Bard principal, said a panel of David Hartenbach, BHHS principal; Carl Hutchinson, Fairplain seventh and eighth grade principal; and John Cooper, Hull principal, will discuss the following topics:

Bard students attending each of the above schools; class activities; transportation of students; discipline code.

Parents also are invited to tour Bard school and see recent maintenance improvements.

BOY HIT IN EYES

Toilet Bowl Cleanser Is Weapon In Fight

Benton township police reported toilet bowl cleanser was used as a weapon Tuesday in a dispute between two youths. Varnado Hollis, 16, of 1776 Eastland avenue, dived into the swimming pool at the township branch YMCA to wash his eyes after the cleanser was thrown at his face.

The compound contained hydrochloric acid. Hollis was treated and released from Mercy hospital, apparently without ill effects. Police charged Harry Lee Bolton, 17, of 1895 Plympton avenue, Benton township, with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than the crime of murder. Patrolmen arrested Bolton a short time after the incident.

Patrolman David Parsons said Hollis was holding a watch while its owner was swimming. Another youth took the watch and Hollis was trying to get it back when the cleanser was thrown in his face, Parsons said. The watch was recovered.

early in the morning of April 29.

WITHOUT WARNING

Sgt. Stevens was shot without warning by an assailant who jerked the gun from Stevens' holster and shot him. There is no evidence the assailant knew the officer, police said.

Sheriff Jewell said at the simple but impressive ceremony in the sheriff's department offices that the "valor" award is a new one for the county but

BH Pair Accused Of Forgery

Two persons were arrested today by Benton Harbor police on warrants charging them with uttering and publishing and forgery of two checks.

Arrested were Linda Marie Jankins, 20, of 163 Pipestone street, and Joseph H. Pospychala, 20, of 1114 Milton street, both of Benton Harbor.

The two were charged with illegally passing checks stolen from Earl R. Keller, Jr. of 163 Pipestone. The checks were cashed in June.

Benton Harbor police detectives also arrested L. C. Larry, 22, of 351 High street, on a warrant charging him with reckless use of a firearm April 16.

Two persons were arrested early today on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants. St. Joseph police arrested Raymond A. Stafford, 35, of Walkerville, and Berrien sheriff's deputies arrested Landus R. Fields, Jr., 43, of Lansing.

Lincoln Twp. Drain Will Be Cleaned

Benton township contractor Patrick Mason Tuesday was awarded a \$2,500 contract by Berrien Drain Commissioner Hazen Harner to clean and demolish some 5,000 feet of Glenford road drain branch in northeastern Lincoln township.

Mason, low bidder among three, is expected to start next week and finish in seven to 10 days. The job also includes installing a new drain tube under a railroad grade. Drain district residents, the township and county road commission will pay for the job.

one that can only be earned for bravery under fire. The sheriff said "valor," according to the dictionary: is strength of mind and spirit that enables a man to encounter danger with firmness.

It is a good description of the action by Detective Reeves and Deputy Tiefenbach, the sheriff said.

Deputy Tiefenbach was with Sgt. Stevens in the Holmsted restaurant, Napier avenue, in Benton township, when Stevens was shot.

SUSPECT WOUNDED

Tiefenbach was fired on and returned shots. Det. Reeves who was about to enter the restaurant raced to the rear door and fired at the fleeing suspect, wounding him three times.

Arrested was Earl Everett Harrison, 33, who was declared incompetent to stand trial. He was committed to an institution until judged competent.

Reeves, 29, joined the sheriff's department in April, 1966 and Tiefenbach, 30, joined the force in March of 1967. They are the first to receive the new award.

Two Plead Guilty To Charges

Two men scheduled for trial Tuesday before Berrien Circuit Judge Julian Hughes pleaded guilty to lesser counts.

Arthur Wilbur Fix, 66, of 105 Ontario road, Niles, originally charged with negligent homicide, pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving on June 18, 1969, in Niles township and was continued free on his own recognizance until sentence.

Fix originally was charged as the driver of a pickup truck that collided with a car, killing a passenger, Paul Christopher Catto, 18, of Edwardsburg.

Howard Jones, 34, of 776 Broadway, Benton Harbor, originally charged with unlawfully driving away an auto, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully using a 1963 Chevrolet owned by Mort and Grace O'Rourke on June 2 in Sodus township. He was remanded to jail in lieu of \$500 bond to await sentence.

WEEKEND GUESTS

GANGES — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamiga and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gresen and family, and Kathleen Stick, all of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sodoma, Holly, were weekend guests at the home of the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stick.

Teachers' Contract Extended

Talks At Impasse; State Fact-Finder Will Enter Dispute

An agreement for extension of last year's faculty contract indicated today that Benton Harbor area schools will open on schedule.

Announcement was made by Robert W. Payne, chief negotiator for the board of education. Payne said negotiations were at "a complete impasse" with teachers' salaries and hospitalization insurance the remaining issue.

ASK STATE'S HELP

The board this morning called for a state fact-finder to enter the dispute, gather information and make recommendations "in hopes of getting this matter resolved as quickly and equitably as possible."

Payne announced: "The parties have agreed to extend provisions of the old contract until such time as a new contract is approved."

Students are to report for classes Thursday, Sept. 3 as previously scheduled.

Payne said the agreement for contract extension was reached between negotiators for the board and the Benton Harbor Education association, bargaining agent for the district's 500 teachers.

Negotiations were broken off late last night and the services of a state mediator exhausted, prompting the board's request for fact finding.

MEETING TONIGHT

A mass meeting of teachers will be held at 7 tonight at senior high to hear a report by BHEA negotiators on the contract deadlock.

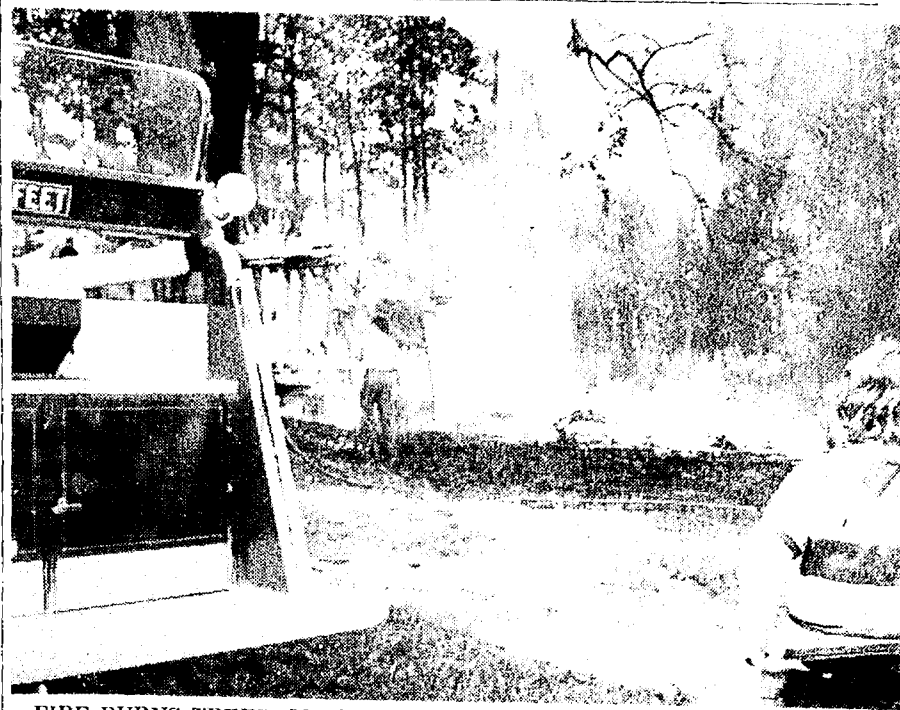
A report will be made to the board by its negotiators at a special meeting Thursday, 11 a.m., Berrien library senior high. Certification of the 1970 tax levy also is on the agenda.

District voters in June approved a 3.25-mill tax increase to meet mounting costs of education, avoid staff cutbacks and provide pay increases.

Caravan Planned For REACT Trip To South Bend

Members of the southwestern Michigan REACT team were asked to contact James Humburg by Friday if they wish to go in a caravan to the Jamboree in South Bend Saturday.

The caravan would leave from 1440 Milton street at 10 a.m. Persons interested should telephone Humburg at 927-2159.



FIRE BURNS TREES: Members of the Coloma fire department fight fire on Paw Paw Lake road, route 5, Coloma, where fire went out of control and burned large trees. Wyatt Vondran, Stevensville, was remodeling a home on the property and a 30 by 40 foot building was set on fire to remove it from the grounds. Coloma Fire Chief Leonard Dolezan said Vondran did not have a burning permit and will have to pay for the fire call. Fire was discovered by Dolezan who saw the smoke and went to investigate about 3:45 p.m. Tuesday. (Michael McIntire photo)

State Board Meets

Door Is Left Open On Eaman Transfer

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

LANSING — The State Board of Education here last night voted to rehear one aspect of the transfer of former Eaman school district from Benton Harbor to Coloma and left the door open to reconsidering the entire Eaman transfer.

The state board granted a rehearing on disposition of the four-room Eaman school and "the issue of the school building" could result in the board reconsidering the whole (transfer) issue if that added variable (the school) makes it seem appropriate, said William Pierce, deputy superintendent of public instruction.

Pierce said the board's vote to rehear the school building last night was based on an attorney general's opinion that the board's original ruling in June to transfer Eaman to Coloma left Eaman school ownership unanswered.

Dr. John Porter, acting state

superintendent of education, is expected to name a hearing officer from the state board staff for a hearing in Lansing as soon as legally possible. Both Benton Harbor and Coloma schools reportedly seek to use the building.

Pierce said superintendents from both school districts have been asked to meet with state education officials in Lansing Thursday in an informational meeting.

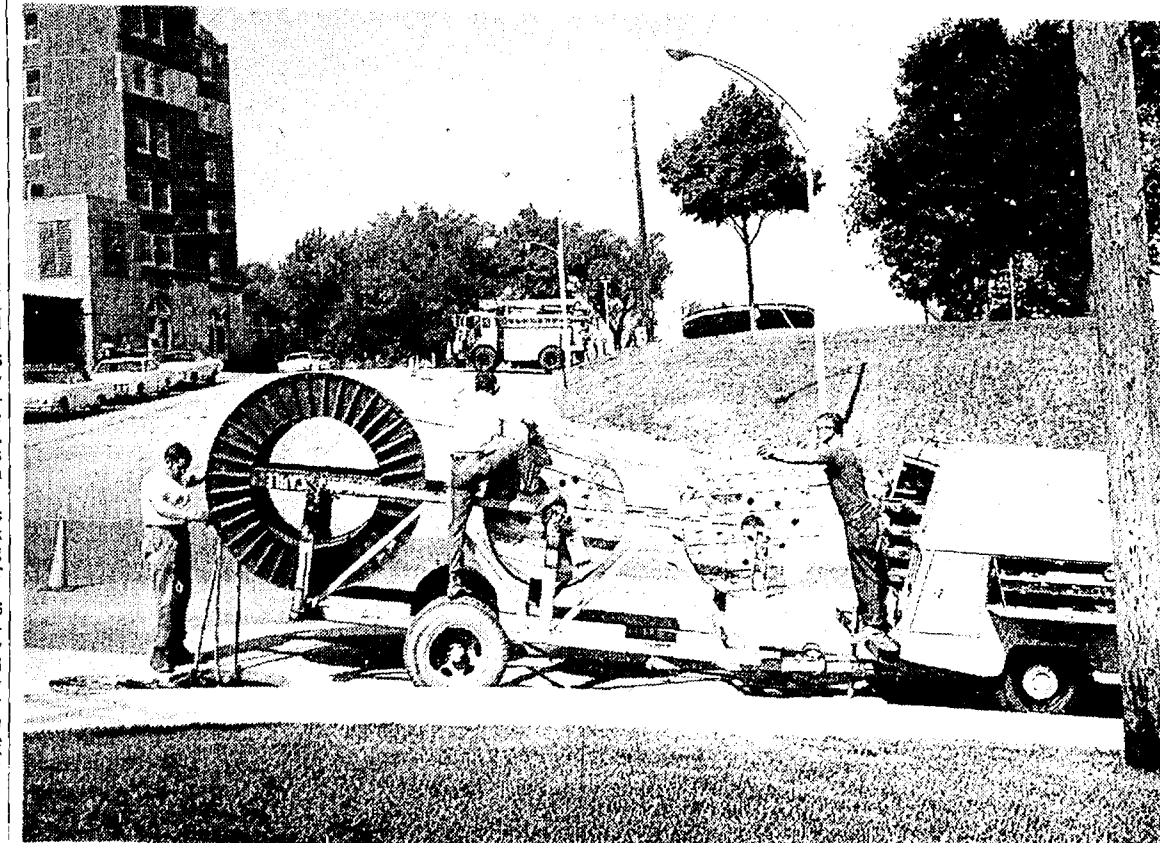
In the Eaman school building hearing, both districts would appear before the hearing officer, testify, and have a summary of the hearing presented to the state board for a ruling. The matter could take weeks.

The state board overturned a Berrien Intermediate school board ruling and ordered most of the former Eaman district in 11 a.g.r. township transferred from Benton Harbor to Coloma. The Benton Harbor district sought a rehearing of the entire transfer.

Eaman students in the transferred section are registering at Coloma for the start of school Monday, Aug. 31.

BH Firm Has Low Paving Bid

LANSING (AP) —The State Aeronautics Commission reports that the John G. Yerington Co. of Benton Harbor submitted a low bid of \$7,229 for a resurfacing project at the twin cities airport at Benton Harbor St. Joseph. The project, slated to begin about Sept. 14, calls for resurfacing the airport's transient apron and fencing the fuel storage area.



IT GOES IN HERE: Underground conduit cable crew for Indiana and Michigan Electric Co., feeds three strands of electric cable into manhole at the corner of Port and State streets in the downtown St. Joseph Urban Renewal area. Truck on hill in the background is pulling cable through underground system of conduit. From left are Terry

Reasor, Kenny Crawford and Al Perkins. Out of sight in the manhole is Al Wilmoski, all of South Bend. I&M crews have laid about 2,000 feet of cable in urban renewal area, but job is long way from over. Buildings must be connected to system before overhead power lines can be removed. (Staff photo)

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COURT HANDS CONSERVATIONISTS SET BACK

Insurance
Rate Raised
By Allstate

DETROIT (AP) — Allstate, Michigan's third largest automobile insurer with 530,000 customers in the state, raised its rates an average of 17.6 per cent Aug. 10, the Michigan Insurance Bureau has disclosed.

The insurance bureau said some Detroiters insured by Allstate might have to pay nearly 40 per cent more at renewal time.

An insurance bureau spokesman said Allstate's rates remain "competitive" with other insurers in Michigan, including the Automobile Club of Michigan, the largest in the state, and State Farm Mutual, No. 2.

Ed Daniels, insurance exchange general manager for the AAA, said:

"We raised our rates by an average of 12.5 per cent last April and we have no plans to increase them again in the foreseeable future."

Traffic Deaths
In Michigan

1,332
1,332
1,332



COLOMA CHEERLEADERS WIN: The Coloma high school cheerleading squad tied for second place in the spirit competition and won third place in the technique trophy competition of the Third Annual Baton Twirling and Cheerleading clinic. The clinic was held at Eastern Michigan university, Ypsilanti, and was conducted by Mary Evelyn Thurman. Over 200 students from across the state took part. Top to bottom are Cheryl Hauch, Phyllis Wilson, Laurie Scott, Laurie Carlson, Leanne Vollrath and Marilou Rodewald. Instructor Bonnie Seakfort stands at side.

Bid Denied
To Halt
Hearings

Board Ruling
Still May Stall
Plant Opening

BY TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent
KALAMAZOO — Conservationists attempting to block the issuance of an operating license for Consumer Power company's Palisades Nuclear plant received another setback in Federal court Tuesday.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago denied a motion by the conservationists for a restraining order which would have halted an Atomic Energy Commission hearing which is considering the operating license request. A Federal court in Washington D.C. had rejected an earlier move.

A separate ruling by the AEC licensing board Tuesday, however, may have stalled the beginning of operation for the \$125 million facility, anyway, at least 90 days.

REWRITE ORDERED
The licensing board instructed the AEC staff to rewrite a report pertaining to environmental safeguards which have been developed for the plant, located near Covert.

The conservationists have insisted since the hearing started in early June that the AEC staff has not satisfied requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The act requires that every federal agency will make certain that projects within its jurisdiction will not upset the environment.

The report prepared by the AEC staff apparently did not take into consideration the possible effects of thermal pollution.

Tuesday's ruling by the AEC board apparently will require the AEC staff to file opinions on thermal pollution and other environmental effects not necessarily relating to radioactivity.

David Conroy of Kalamazoo, a spokesman for the intervening conservationists, viewed the licensing board's decision as a reversal of AEC policy which up until this time has been that only effects directly related to radioactivity will be considered.

REQUIRE APPROVAL
Statutory requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act require a process of at least 90 days. The process requires approval of the report by several federal and state agencies.

The Court of Appeals in Chicago nearly duplicated a similar opinion by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, in rendering its verdict on the conservationists' move.

"The question is virtually identical," the opinion said. "Inasmuch as a full and orderly procedure for judicial review is statutory provided we find no reasons for deviating from the well-established administrative procedures."

The opinion continued: "We further note that various scientific affidavits were attached to the complaint to the court and these involve scientific expertise, which is often the very basis and reason for detailed administrative proceedings."

The Court of Appeals went on to say that it concurred with the earlier ruling in Washington, D.C., that AEC should evaluate its role in areas such as thermal pollution.

VACATION GROUNDS
If the commission (AEC) grants a license, and it is later determined that this reflected legal error in the failure of the commission to consider the issue of thermal pollution, and to receive material evidence duly proffered, that would be ground for vacating the order," the court warned. "If the commission persists in excluding such evidence, it is courting the possibility that if error is found, the court will reverse its final order, condemn the proceeding as so much wasted motion, and order that the proceeding be conducted over again in a way that realistically permits de novo consideration of the tendered evidence," the court said.

The hearing continued today at the Kalamazoo public library with Consumer Power company scientific experts giving testimony why the utility should be granted permission to load fuel and begin low power testing.

GOD NOT DEAD
CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AP) — Pope Paul VI declared today that "God is not dead; he is missing, missing for so many men of our time."



OOPS!! Workers of Michigan Bell Telephone company nonchalantly go about their duties to repair utility pole on east side of Paw Paw Lake road in Coloma township about noon Monday seemingly unaware of truck leaning behind them. Men were taking down old lines and when lines were removed, pole leaned over but did not fall. Hydraulic boom on truck was attached to pole and used to straighten pole, but truck did its own thing and leaned too. Pole is located in front lawn of Coloma township hall. (Staff photo by Harry Smith who said he enjoyed leaning against a tree and watching.)

Cass College Lowers Tax;
Spending Care Claimed

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Rate Is Now At 1.5 Mills

DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan college last night cut a tenth of a mill of its tax rate on taxable property, returning the figure to its 1.5 mill original level.

The action was taken by the college's trustee board during a special meeting at the college here. It earmarked proceeds from one mill of the rate for general operations and the balance to pay off bonded debt.

One mill is equal to \$1 on

each \$1,000 worth of taxable property value throughout the college district.

COSTS PAID

Dr. Fred Mathews, chairman of the college's board of trustees, said, "This reduction in the millage rate on property taxpayers of the college district was made possible by constant scrutiny of expenses by the board of trustees and college staff, and because of the increased valuation of the college district."

"By legislative action in 1966 it became possible for any Michigan community college to levy additional unvoted millage. Even though the board of trustees could have, for the past four years, levied an additional .6 of one mill, we have not done so.

"Except for an increase of .1 of one mill last year we have held to the original 1.5 mills voted in 1964. The action now taken by the board returns us to the original voted 1.5 mill levy," Mathews said.

The .1 of a mill levied last year above the 1.5 mills voted by the people was levied under the 1966 legislative action which

allowed Michigan Community colleges to levy additional millage to pay their annual bond payments to retire bonds without a vote of the people.

Dr. Mathews said with the present tax base, or state equalized valuation, this can be done with the .5 of a mill. For the past four years, SMC board could have levied an additional .6 of a mill under the state formula to pay off bonds, but did not take this action, Mathews said.

PROUD OF WORK

The board chairman added, "Even though Southwestern Michigan college has one of the smallest tax bases of any Michigan community college, the board has built and operated one of the state's best community colleges and has done so during six years of the greatest inflation in the country's history. We have done this on a very small tax rate. A tax cut in the face of these factors is an accomplishment of which we are indeed proud," Dr. Mathews concluded.

The Lake Michigan college board of trustees Monday night voted to increase its tax levy by .55 of a mill to pay off bonded indebtedness under 1966 legislative action. Its total rate will now be 1.55 mills. Previously, LMC had collected only one mill.

DOING WELL
Ex-New Troy
Woman Has
Heart Surgery

NEW TROY — Mrs. Curtis (Joyce) Smith 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Messenger, rural New Troy, is reported doing well following open heart surgery in Massachusetts General hospital. The operation was performed Aug. 21 to correct a defect discovered at birth.

Mrs. Smith and her husband have been living in Massachusetts since their marriage March 28. Her husband is serving in the Army, stationed at Fort Devens. Their address is P. Box 3, Center road, Shirley, Mass. 01464.

Party Set
To Distribute
1970 Annuals

THREE OAKS — River Valley high school's 1970 annuals will be distributed at a party for high school students from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the high school cafeteria.

Richard Vavra, faculty advisor for the annuals' publication, said that annuals copies will be available at \$5 per copy.

RATES LISTED

Coloma Schools Will
Require Book Deposit

COLOMA — Students attending Coloma Community schools, grades five through 12, will be required to pay a deposit on their textbooks, Superintendent William Barrett announced today.

Barrett listed the rates as follows: Grade 5 — \$7; grades 6, 7 and 8 — \$9; grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 — \$11.

The deposits are to be paid on Monday, Aug. 31, at the time books are distributed.

Barrett said "no family will be required to pay more than \$30 deposit to cover all their children attending school. At the end of the school year full refund will be made on all returned, undamaged textbooks."

The Coloma superintendent explained that recently issued state guidelines "permit these deposits to cover loss and damage to textbooks."

Guidelines were issued after the State Board of Education ruled last month that a state constitutional provision for "free education" means free textbooks and other supplies, reversing all prior precedent in Michigan.

Pair Hurt
On Way To
Hospital

SOUTH HAVEN — A couple rushing to South Haven Community hospital early today was injured in a one-car accident on Phoenix road, east of 66th street, in Geneva township.

State police from South Haven said the vehicle driven by Oscar Cedergren, 63, route 2, Grand Junction, went out of control when it struck a dip in the road, and rolled over.

Cedergren was taking his wife, Eleanor, 57, to the hospital after she had become ill. Mrs. Cedergren was listed in fair condition today at the hospital where she is being treated for both the illness and injuries suffered in the accident. Hospital officials said Cedergren was released after treatment in the emergency room.

TODDLER DROWNS
CHARLOTTE (AP) — Matthew Gran, 3, drowned Tuesday in a pond near the home of his parents north of Charlotte, Eaton County sheriff's officials said.

Election
Rules Eyed
In Allegan

BULLETIN

ALLEGAN — The state attorney general's office ruled today the county Republican committee is to submit the name of a candidate for placement on the November ballot in place of R. Earl Osman, who died Monday. County GOP party chairman Charles Yates said he received the opinion by phone late this morning.

ALLEGAN — Procedures for naming a replacement for a county district commissioner who died Monday were being investigated today by Allegan county officials.

County Clerk Mrs. Esther Hettlinger said she had been informed the county board could name a replacement to fill the commissioner's unexpired term. But she said she had received no information yet on procedures regarding the late commissioner's position in the November election.

The commissioner, R. Earl Osman, 52, died Monday morning, in community hospital, Douglas. He was completing a term on the county board as the 21st district representative and had been nominated in the Republican August primary election as a candidate for re-election. The election is scheduled for November.

Mrs. Hettlinger said she had consulted with the county election board and the state attorney general's office.

Whether Mr. Osman's name will appear on the ballot has not yet been determined.

Charles Yates, chairman of the county Republican party, said he was checking to see if the county or township committee would be responsible for handling a sticker campaign for a replacement candidate.

Landmark Case

ADC Waiting Period
Attacked By Lawsuit

BY BRANDON BROWN

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A Berrien circuit court judge Tuesday gave attorneys for the state and two ADC mothers up to 45 days to file briefs in a landmark suit to overturn rule requiring married mothers separated from their husbands to wait 90 days for Aid to Dependent Children grants.

Judge Karl F. Zick gave Assistant Atty. Gen. Terrence P. Grady 30 days to submit briefs answering those from Atty. Edward Yampolsky, head of Berrien Legal Services Bureau, Inc., representing the two women. Atty. Yampolsky then has 15 days to reply to Grady's brief.

DISCRIMINATION CLAIMED
Atty. Yampolsky, acting for Mrs. Polly Glass of Benton Harbor and Mrs. Lela E. Elliott of route 4, Coloma, claims the women were discriminated against by the State Social Services department when they were required to wait three months after separating from their husbands before drawing ADC grants. Mrs. Glass has four children. Mrs. Elliott three,

according to the suits.

The case is believed to be the first of its kind in Michigan.

Several observers said a ruling in favor of Atty. Yampolsky could, if applied statewide, mean millions of extra ADC dollars a year. Aid to Dependent Children grants are administered by county social services departments from state-federal funds.

Atty. Yampolsky's suit claims Mrs. Glass and Mrs. Elliott are entitled to rebates of \$99 and \$87.50, respectively, as the difference between Berrien county direct relief payments they received late in 1969 or early 1970 and what they would have received from ADC.

Married mothers separated from their husbands must wait 90 days before drawing ADC while women with illegitimate children do not and this is discrimination, Atty. Yampolsky's suit claims.

The state's position is that the 90-day wait required by the state social services department administration is legal.

Atty. Yampolsky bases his claim on federal district court

decisions in California and Minnesota that threw out 90-day waiting periods because the Federal Social Security Act requires no such rigid waiting period.

However, the federal courts permitted the two states to set "reasonable" waiting periods and further required them to consider all relevant factors in determining whether a parent's absence is continued and that the child is eligible for ADC.

"What grieves me on this thing," Judge Zick said Tuesday after granting time for briefs and answers, "you've got one department of government fighting another."

Assistant Atty. Gen. Grady represents state and Berrien county social services directors who distribute ADC funds that come in part from the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Atty. Yampolsky's legal aid office in St. Joseph is funded almost entirely by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

Bids Identical
So Coin Flip
Settles It

LANSING (AP) — A representative of A. Lindberg & Sons of Ishpeming called "tails" — and came out low bidder on a \$92,399 highway construction contract for Dickinson County.

The department said Lindberg and L. W. Brumm of Marquette submitted identical bids Aug. 19 on the construction of culvert arches on the Sturgeon River under county road 581 and on the Pine Creek under Norway Road east of Norway.

The contractors agreed to a toss of the coin to settle the stand-off.

Highway Department engineers computed the possibilities of having identical bids on the project and said there had been one chance in 153, followed by 36 zeros.

DEMOCRATIC PLANK

Senate Nominee Joins
Anti-Amnesty Effort

NILES — Paul Clark, Democratic nominee for the State Senate, said Tuesday he opposes a plank in the state party platform that would grant amnesty to draft dodgers.

Clark said he has fought against the measure on county, congressional district and state levels. He joined top party chiefs, Sen. Philip Hart, gubernatorial nominee Sander Levin and Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley in repudiating the plank.

The resolution was adopted at the state convention while most delegates were preoccupied with the nominations of candidates. Clark also voiced opposition to state convention action calling for an immediate cease fire in Vietnam and withdrawal of all U.S. troops by Christmas.

He said his primary opponent, Mrs. Mary Rutledge of St. Joseph, backed the measure.

Clark defeated Mrs. Rutledge in the Aug. 4 election and faces incumbent Charles O. Zollar in the November runoff in the 22nd District.